

REMARKS

1. *History/Interview*

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Notice of Allowance mailed on February 27, 2009. Claims 1-9 and 59-65 have been allowed.

Applicants thank Examiner Yao for the telephonic interviews that were conducted on March 30, 2009 with the undersigned. During those interviews, the Examiner alerted Applicants that a Preliminary Amendment filed on August 24, 2004 appeared to be in error. The Preliminary Amendment amended the specification to incorporate sequence identifiers from the sequences submitted in electronic format on August 24, 2004. Applicants determined that the electronic listing was correct but the paper was incorrect. Agreement was reached that Applicants would withdraw the Preliminary Amendment of August 24, 2004 and submit this amendment.

2. *Amendments*

Applicants hereby withdraw the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 24, 2004 and replace it with the present amendment. The present amendment amends the specification to incorporate the sequence identifications filed in electronic format pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. Accordingly, the specification has been amended as described above and contains no new matter.

CONCLUSIONS

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Amendment. However, please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

If the Examiner believes that any further discussion of this communication would be helpful, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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